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Hello, Dr. Rogers



Dr. Rick Rogers takes over the helm at Shelton State Community College

Illustration by Ozzie Pugh

First of a Three-part Series Concerning the New Leadership and the New Directions for the College

Welcoming Rick Rogers to the presidency of Shelton State is like showing Al Gore around the

White House.

Yes, it has only been since Sept. 1 that Dr. Rogers has been serving as president of the college, yet for the last 10 years Rogers has been one of the mainstays of the whole operation. While the former president, Dr. Tom Umphrey, spent

much of his time in Montgomery and Washington securing the funding of the physical plant Shelton people now revel in on Old Greensboro Rd., Rogers has been slugging it out in the trenches of day-to-day operations.

As assistant to the president, Rogers gained a reputation as a quick and effective thinker. He motored with great energy between fund-raising, budgeting and other tasks which helped to build the college to the status it now enjoys as one of the biggest and grandest two-year schools in the state and as one of the more visible in the nation.

Still, the actual presidency is something else again. What will the Rogers era be like?

Known as a hard-worker who values punctuality and insists upon it from his fellow workers, Rogers, nevertheless, initiated an effort to build a "kinder gentler" Shelton soon after taking the helm. Smiling broadly in his trademark way

before an audience of all staff and administrators, Rogers outlined plans to introduce a flex schedule designed to service students better—and to give workers time off on Friday afternoons when there are few students to help.

Rogers, with a twinkle in his eye, also declared every Friday a "Casual Friday," with the first Friday of the month dedicated to a special "If you want to participate in Casual Friday on the first Friday of the month, you'll have to wear Shelton 'team-ware,'" Rogers explained. And in a comment emblematic to Rogers's knack of combining fun with fund-raising, he said, "The bookstore will be laying in a big supply of shirts and sweaters for you."

Ask anybody who knows him about 41-year-old Rick Rogers and the comment you will get will be along the lines of "the last of the good guys," meaning he brings an unusual quality of down-to-earth friendliness to his evident intelligence and energy. Rogers loves sports and is a good athlete himself. Two years ago he won a shooting contest along with two other administrators at a contest at Homecoming. He poured in three-pointer after three-pointer.

Often present at Shelton sporting events, usually along with his son Bryant who serves as a Buccaneer ball-boy at basketball games, Rogers cheers wildly and jokes along with everyone nearby. The only thing that came tear him away is an official duty for the college or the need to get Bryant to bed on a school night.

Rogers reveled in his announcement that the college enrollment was up 6 percent this fall. He seems to be on a heart-felt mission to bring a balanced and practical education to all the people of west Alabama. One of his stated goals is to increase the effectiveness of Shelton's array of technical programs. "Our major emphasis over the next few years will be to work with our community to emphasize technical education," Rogers said. "We plan to escalate our efforts in all technical areas, especially health education. Community partnerships with business industries, nonprofit organizations and other educational institutions will also continue to be an important aspect of our growth."

Taking over the helm of any large ship must be a daunting task, whether the ship be sailing smoothly or heading toward unforeseen rocks. No matter what lies ahead for the S.S. Shelton, the whole crew seems to believe that one of them is in charge on the bridge.

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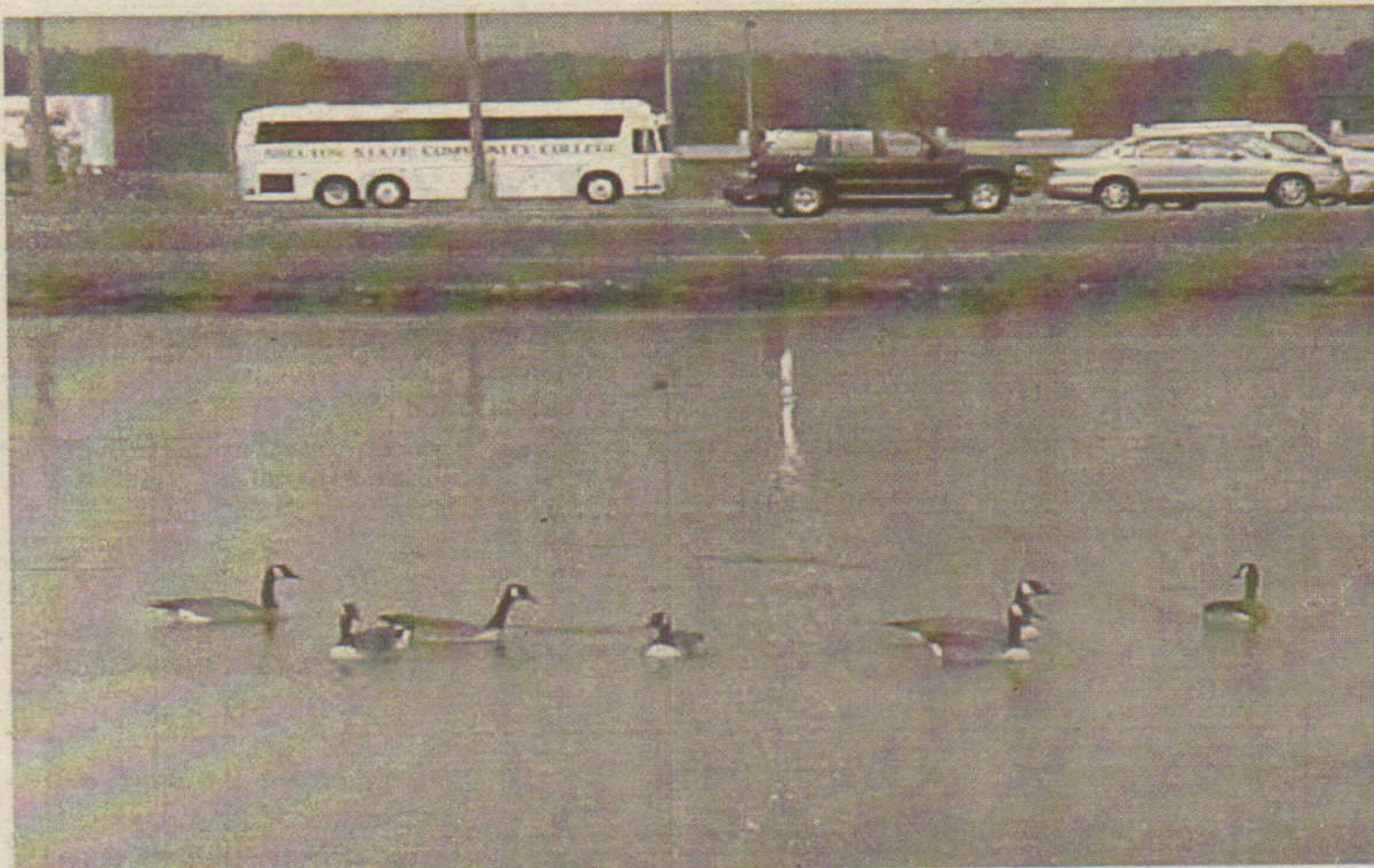
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**Next Issue, Part Two:
"Rick Rogers, The Man
and the Plan"**

Welcome Back!



Humans aren't the only ones returning to school—According to biology instructor Chris Haynes, the fowl visitors recently spotted on the Shelton pond were just passing through. "The Canada Goose is a winter resident of Alabama and can most often be seen in our area in early autumn. As the days grow shorter, the geese migrate from their summer breeding grounds in Canada and the more northern states to their winter range further south, along the Gulf Coast and into Mexico. Geese often stop over in our area this time of year to molt. Large lawns and golf courses often provide the geese with a rich source of green grass, seeds, and insects, as well as a source of water for feeding. During molting, the geese lose much of their summer plumage and replace it with winter down. During this process, which may take several weeks, many geese are flightless. As migratory waterfowl, Canadian Geese are federally protected species, and should not be harmed or disturbed in any way. The Canadian Goose is the goose most people think of when the subject of wild geese is brought up. They can often be seen and heard flying in V formations."

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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Beware of Draco the Dragon

Be careful when you are outside on a dark night the next couple of months, for there is a dragon in the northern sky! It has a long tail, large body, and a head that is capable of spewing out fire from its mouth as mythological dragons could do! Our frightening creature is Draco the Dragon!

To locate Draco simply look

north and find the most familiar constellation in the sky—the Big Dipper—or officially called Ursa Major. To the right of the Big Dipper you will find the end of the dragon's tail. Follow this line of stars northward, and it will take a right turn when it joins the body of the dragon. Continue along this line, and you will come to four stars

that make Draco's head!

Perhaps you have seen the movie *Dragon Heart*—and will remember that the last dragon was placed in the sky as a constellation. The movie showed the night sky and quite accurately drew Draco the Dragon! As our nights get cooler, keep looking up and enjoy your very own dragon—Draco!

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Off the Shelf . . .

Still need something to fill your leisure time. Try reading! Glen Johnson has informed us on new books in the library.

Lillian Jackson Braun has her 22nd cat mystery "The Cat Who Robbed a Bank" on the prowl as journalist/philanthropist Jim Qwilleran and his Siamese cats, Koko and Yum-Yum try to get to the bottom of skulduggery at the local Highland Games.

In Sandra Brown's "Stand-off" TV reporter Tiel McCoy finds her much needed vacation taking a turn for the worse when she changes course to investigate the kidnapping of a Fort Worth multimillionaire's daughter.

Once again, Dean Koontz serves up his own brand of original psychological suspense in his latest "False Memory". In trying to help his wife slow her slide toward mental chaos, Dustin

Rhodes finds himself forced to confront his own mental condition, which proves even more decimatingly fearsome than that afflicting his wife.

Here are some of the new books our library has on the shelf:

Religion — *13 Georgia Ghosts and Jeffrey*, by Kathryn Windham; *The Jewish Holidays*, by Michael Strassfeld; *The Catholic Study Bible*, by Philip Yancey.

History — *The Kamikazes*, by Edwin Palmer Hoyt; *Eleanor of Aquitaine*, by Alison Weir; *The Wars of the Roses*, by Alison Weir; *The Rise and Fall of the British Empire*, by Lawrence James.

Social Issue — *China Wakes*, by Nicholas Kristof; *Life in a medieval Village*, by Frances Gies; *Life so Far*, by Betty Friedan; *The Limits of Privacy*, by Amitai Etzioni.

Future Issues

This is the second *Courier* of this school year. We will publish twice each month. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier* On-line at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

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urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

The *Shelton State Courier* is a "campus newspaper" written and produced with the help of students.

Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression and all students are

Students make theatre partnership thrive

By Thomas Canterbury

Twenty years ago, Shelton State Community College and Theatre Tuscaloosa forged a partnership that still thrives today. According to Theatre Tuscaloosa Executive Producer and Shelton State Arts division head Paul K. Looney, Shelton students are in a large way responsible for the partnership's success.

"There's not a facet Shelton students aren't involved in," Looney said. "They have been indispensable in every production, whether it's acting, backstage crew, costuming, you name it."

In 1980, Shelton State administration wanted to provide its students with a full range of performing arts opportunities, but had no leadership, equipment, or facilities. The Tuscaloosa Community Players had facilities and equipment, but no leadership or funds. The two entities decided to pool their resources and Theatre Tuscaloosa was born.

"The philosophy was, and still is, to bring students into theatre."

Looney said. Things did not go that way in the beginning. Since the plays were performed at the Bama Theatre, many people did not know of the connection between Theatre Tuscaloosa and Shelton. All that changed when the new Shelton campus was built, complete with the multi-million dollar Bean-Brown Theatre.

"Especially since the move, it's been a point of pride to see the students involved in every aspect of the productions," Looney said. "It has become an extended family in which any member, new or old, is always welcome."

"We do at least ten shows a year, including Shelton and Second Stage shows," theatre major Russell

Frost said. "What makes it most exciting and rewarding is knowing that some part of your work is going to be seen by thousands of people."

"The theatre season works as a perfect lab for majors," Looney said.

Theatre students receive many

unique opportunities due to the Theatre Tuscaloosa-Shelton partnership. "I've directed, acted, light designed, and worked backstage," theatre major Michael Sullivan



Shelton students work with instructor Michael Carr for a recent Bean-Brown production

said. "They're opportunities I wouldn't have had anywhere else, even a four-year school like Alabama."

Due in large part to the partnership, Shelton State has risen to being the third-ranked fine arts college in the state. In addition to the

Theatre Tuscaloosa season, the Bean-Brown Theatre has held the district Trumbauer drama competition for high schools. It is also home to the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame; and in 1998, movie and television actor and director Robert Townsend held a technical workshop here for local students.

Theatre Tuscaloosa is nationally recognized for professionalism in community theatre. "When I auditioned for my scholarship to the American Musical and Dramatics Academy in New York the talent agent immediately recognized Theatre Tuscaloosa," theatre major Amanda Anderson said.

Theatre Tuscaloosa works because of its volunteers. "People in the

community and students alike all want to be a part of something good," Looney said, "and volunteering at Theatre Tuscaloosa is a good and rewarding thing." Every aspect of production is of equal importance at Theatre Tuscaloosa so there is something for everybody. "Theatre as a whole, but especially here, is not elitist but inclusive," Looney said.

To become a part of the nationally recognized extended family that is Theatre Tuscaloosa, call the box office at 391-2277 for more information. And you never know, "a significant amount of our majors just dabbled and ultimately found their career," Looney said.

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Dan Wallace

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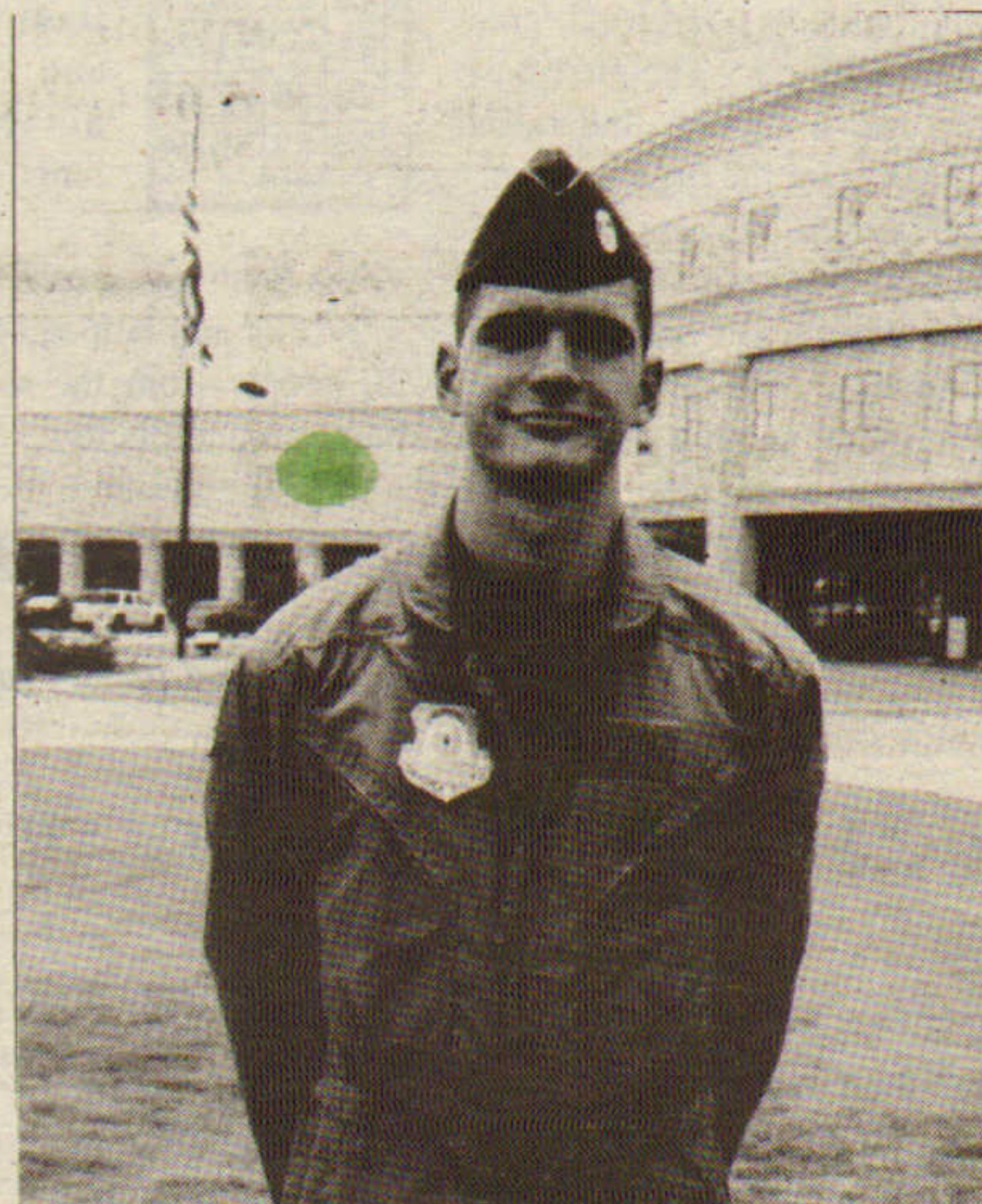
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Dan Wallace, Shelton State Community College Student and Air Force ROTC Cadet

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Terrific Tuesday's concert series set

The fall schedule for the college's Terrific Tuesday Concert series has recently been announced, according to Glinda Blackshear, music instructor for the college and director of the Shelton singers.

The Terrific Tuesday concerts are held at 1 p.m. each Tuesday and are free and open to the public. Unless stated otherwise, the concerts are held in the college's Alabama Power Recital Hall located on the Martin Campus. For more information, call (205) 391-2344 or 391-2270.

Sept. 12: Improvisation, Cedric Chalmers, piano

Sept. 19: Chamber Music
Antonio Carlos Portela, flute
Marie Theresa Gondim, piano

Sept. 26: Voice Faculty Performance: Glinda Blackshear, mezzo soprano

Mark Brown, tenor, Syble Coats, pianist

Oct. 3: Voice Recital Andrea Dismukes, graduate student, UA

Oct. 10: Cultural Diversity Program

Oct. 17: Shelton State Jazz Ensemble, Alan Blackshear, Director, Atrium

Oct. 24: Amanda Penick, Piano, Faculty, UA

Oct. 31: Faculty Spoof Shelton Faculty Members

Nov. 7: Students of Amanda Penick, UA

Nov. 14: Musicale, Shelton Applied Music Students

Nov. 21: Shelton Jazz Band, Alan Blackshear, director

Nov. 28: Chamber Music, Gary Smoke and Friends

Dec. 5: Christmas in the Atrium, Bach to Rock Ensemble Glinda Blackshear, Director

Tota and Teca concert Sept. 19 should prove something special

The Terrific Tuesday Concert Sept. 19 will feature flutist Antonio Carlos Portela and pianist Maria Thereza Gondim. The duo, from Salvador, Brazil, will be performing a program of classical and popular music.

Portela is now studying flute with Dr. Sheryl Cohen at the University of Alabama. He is attending the university on a scholarship established by the Ministry of Culture of Brazil.

Gondim is a graduate student of Amanda Penick at UA. Before coming to Alabama, she had been on the faculty of Federal University of Bahia.

The concert is free and open to the public in Shelton's Alabama Power Recital Hall.



Tota and Teca are two of the best up-and-coming musicians from South America. Now students at UA, they will treat Shelton to a concert on Sept. 19

The Maniac

Reviews for college kids who love movies and live bands...

Want something new yet just a little bit traditional? Well, Roots Rock Reunion is the group for you. Chris Patrick and Micah Howard can be heard on vocals and also on guitar. On saxophone you have the smooth sounds of Robert Patrick and on bass they have Bill McNabb.

How would a listener classify this form of music?

The band describes their music as an attempt to get to the roots of blues, jazz, and soul. One prominent feature of this band's music is its mellow sound. "People have forgotten that music does not have to be angry to be good. There are just too many beautiful things in the world to write about the bad," said Micah Howard.

The Almond Brothers and Jimmy Hendrix are a big part of the

group's inspiration. The group has a new and innovated look into blues and soul; however, this seems to be coming from their inspiration. Micah Howard also said "I have a gritty blues style which is akin to Jimmy Hendrix while as Chris has roots that lie more in the southern blues area, and if you add an amazing saxophone player you'll have the Roots Rock Reunion."

This group seems to have a lot of potential. You will see them around town soon. Their CD "Saturdaze" can be purchased at the Vinyl Solutions and Whirly Gig stores in Tuscaloosa.

The band produced its CD on their own independent label called Barn.

By Amber Mitchell

If you would like to contribute a review to The Maniac, drop by the Courier office—Room 2319

Barbecue Bash set for Sept. 21

In 1991 the Shelton State Foundation held its first Barbecue Bash, a fund raiser for the organization that would provide scholarships for deserving students. The format for the event would be casual and include good food, great prizes and bingo. The first bash was termed a success and raised over \$1,000 for the organization.

Through the years the Barbecue Bash has grown, and this year the foundation will host the Bash on Thursday, Sept. 21, beginning with a silent auction from 5:30-

7:30 p.m. in the atrium area of the Martin Campus. A barbecue dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets for the Bash are \$20 and include dinner and bingo.

Last year's Bash raised over \$11,000 in profits and helped send over 30 people from the west Alabama area to Shelton.

Two cars will be auctioned off the night of the Bash as part of the silent auction. Some of the other items included in the auction are a free vacation with airfare, original artwork, giftware, a set of B.F. Goodrich tires, jewelry, an antique chest, women's and children's clothes.

Approximately \$1,000 in cash will be given away during Bingo, according to Elizabeth Abrasley, Barbecue Bash chair. For more information on the Bash or to purchase tickets, call the foundation office, (205) 391-2298.

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P.R. receives statewide honor

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Shelton State received a first place Pyramid Award for "Print Media—Series" for CELEBRATE 2000. Advertisements that ran this

year highlighting the college's technical programs. Shelton also received a second place award of Achievement for "Brochure—Four Color" for Shelton's new college brochure. Lucy Kubiszyn, director of public relations and alumni affairs for the college, submitted Shelton State's materials.

Umphrey named president emeritus

Former Shelton State President Tom Umphrey was named president emeritus of Shelton effective Sept. 1. The appointment was made based on his 28 years of service to education in Alabama.

Umphrey was instrumental in building a new campus, leading the college through a successful merger with Fredd State, receiving for the college the designation the legislature as the Alabama Community College of the Fine Arts and guiding the college through a conversion to the semester system.



On Aug. 7, Joseph Pyles won first place in the fastest barbering competition in Atlanta at the Bronner Brothers International Beauty Show. Pyles, a second semester barbering student, won with a time of 5:08. More than 18 students competed in this event. Pyles is taught by Shelton barbering instructor, Toni Love.

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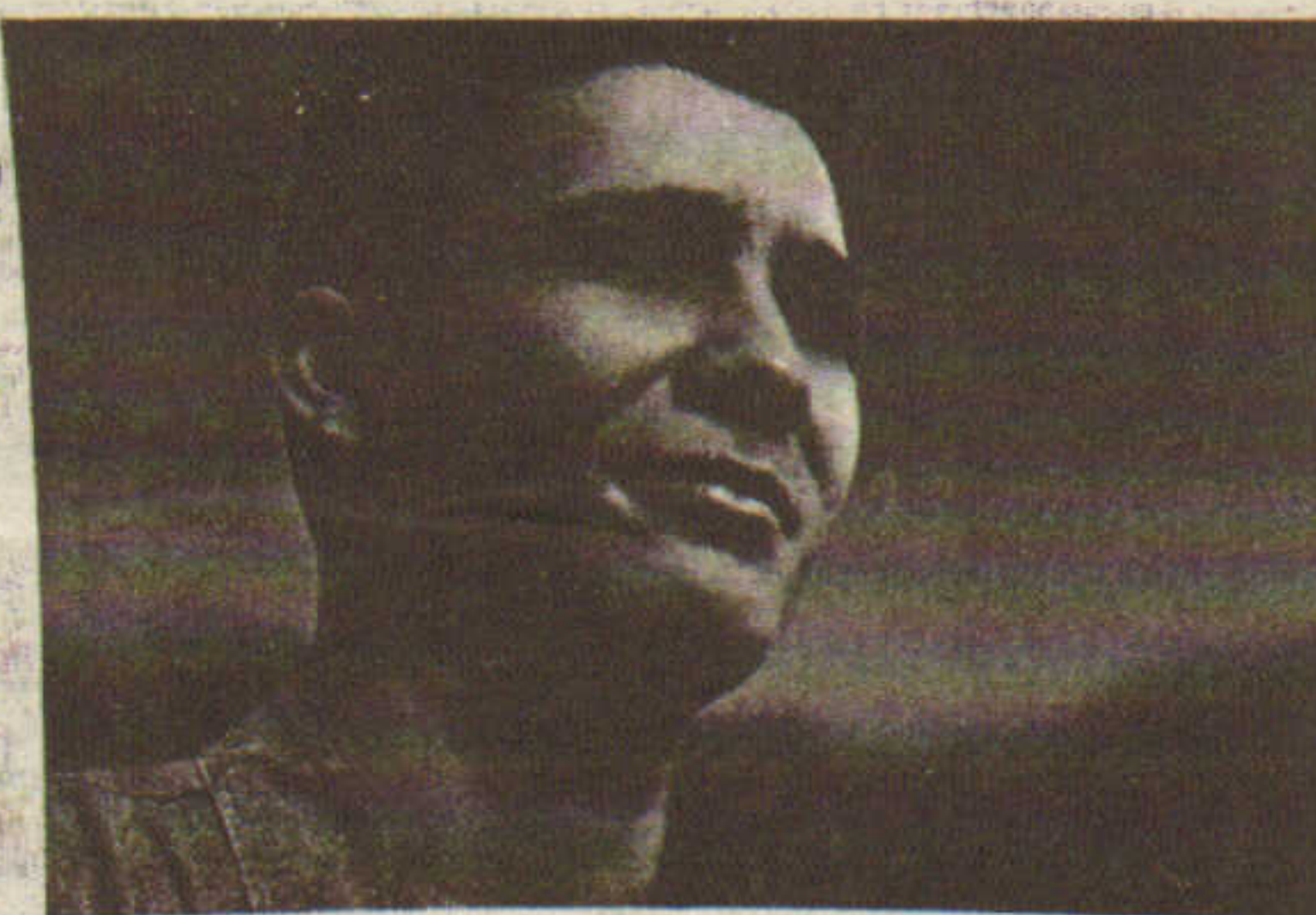
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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Soccer team kicks out the jams to open season with big win

By Thomas Canterbury

The soccer season at Shelton State started with a come-from-behind 7-4 home victory against Truett-McConnell. Head coach Nellie Barnes said that "It's a good feeling to win your first game."

The season then took a downturn in the first away game at Darton College when the team lost 8-0. Barnes said they will play them again this week and she expects the outcome to be different.

Things began to look up in the next game at Mississippi Gulf Coast as the two teams fought to a 0-0 draw.

Shelton returned to the win column on Tuesday, Sept. 12, with a 3-0 win over Andrew College. Barnes said, "This should be the beginning of a good week for us."

Barnes remains optimistic about the rest of the season for Shelton State (2-1-1). "We're a

young team who will mature and only get better with experience."

Shelton does not have just one single offensive threat. "Our whole offense works together well making the whole offense a threat," Barnes said. So far this season Jennifer Frachiseur, Nikki Haynes, and Princess Norwood lead the team in goals scored.

The defense has also played well, as the team shut out Mississippi Gulf Coast in Perkiston, Miss. "We call our defense the L-Team, containing Leigh Anna Smith, Lauren Moore, Lindsey Moses, and Laura Cornett," said Barnes. "They hit their marks and always play hard."

These next two weeks will be extremely important for the team. The women play seven games, with five of those at home.

"I believe these next games will show our improvement," Barnes said. "We will have a good season."

Big Two Weeks for Shelton Soccer Home Games!

Wed. Sept. 13 Darton College, 3 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 15 Hiawasse College, 3 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 16 Mississippi Gulf Coast, 10 a.m.

Sun. Sept. 17 Gordon College 1:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 22 Hinds Community College 2 p.m.



Up and Away! Nikki Hanes and Lauren Moore were active parts of the Buccaneers' first win of the year

Dove season opens Sept. 16

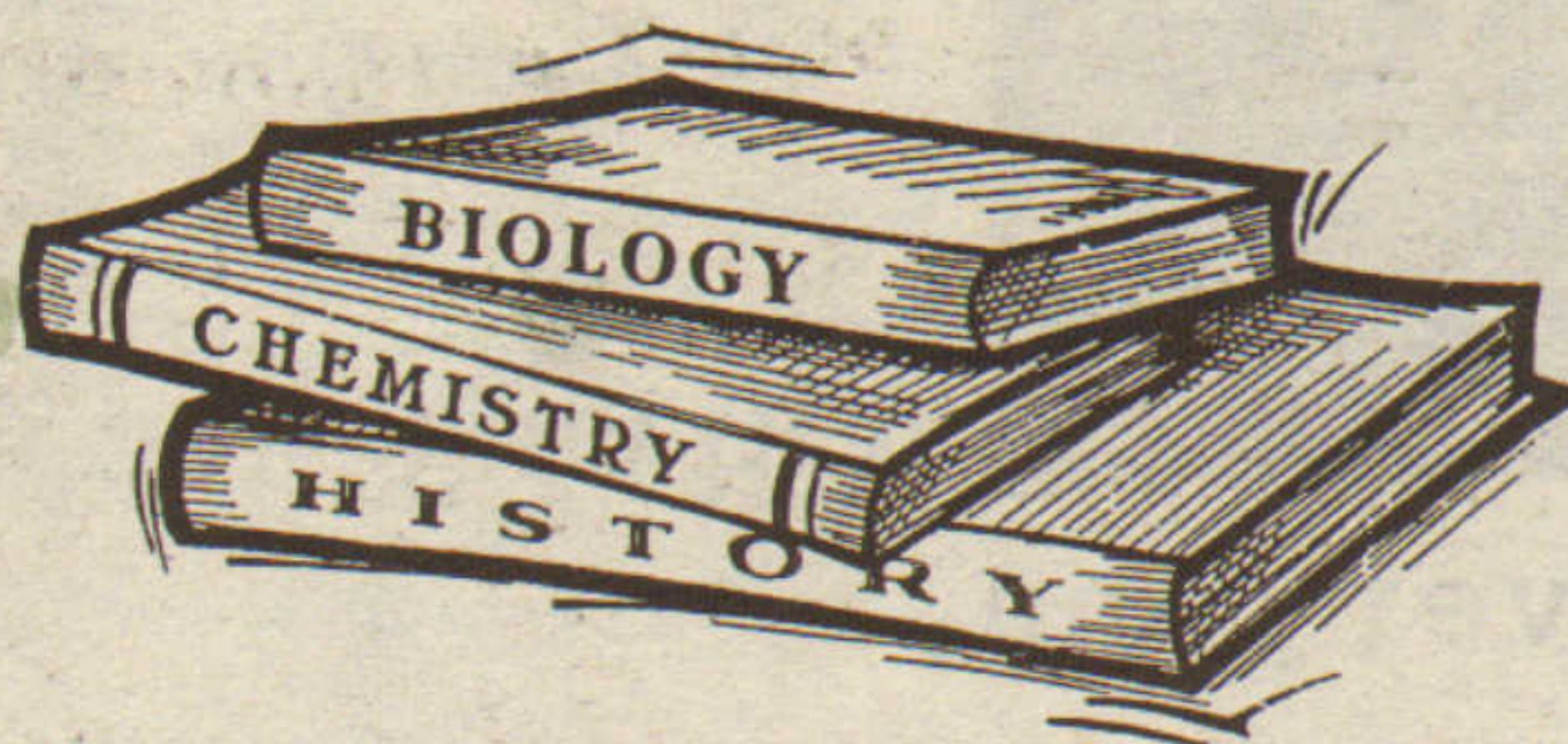
By Graham Tayloe

The dove is the South's most exciting game bird capable of reaching air speeds of 70 mph. Yet speed is not their speed which eludes most hunters. It is the dove's uncanny ability to dip and cut through the air like an acrobatic airplane.

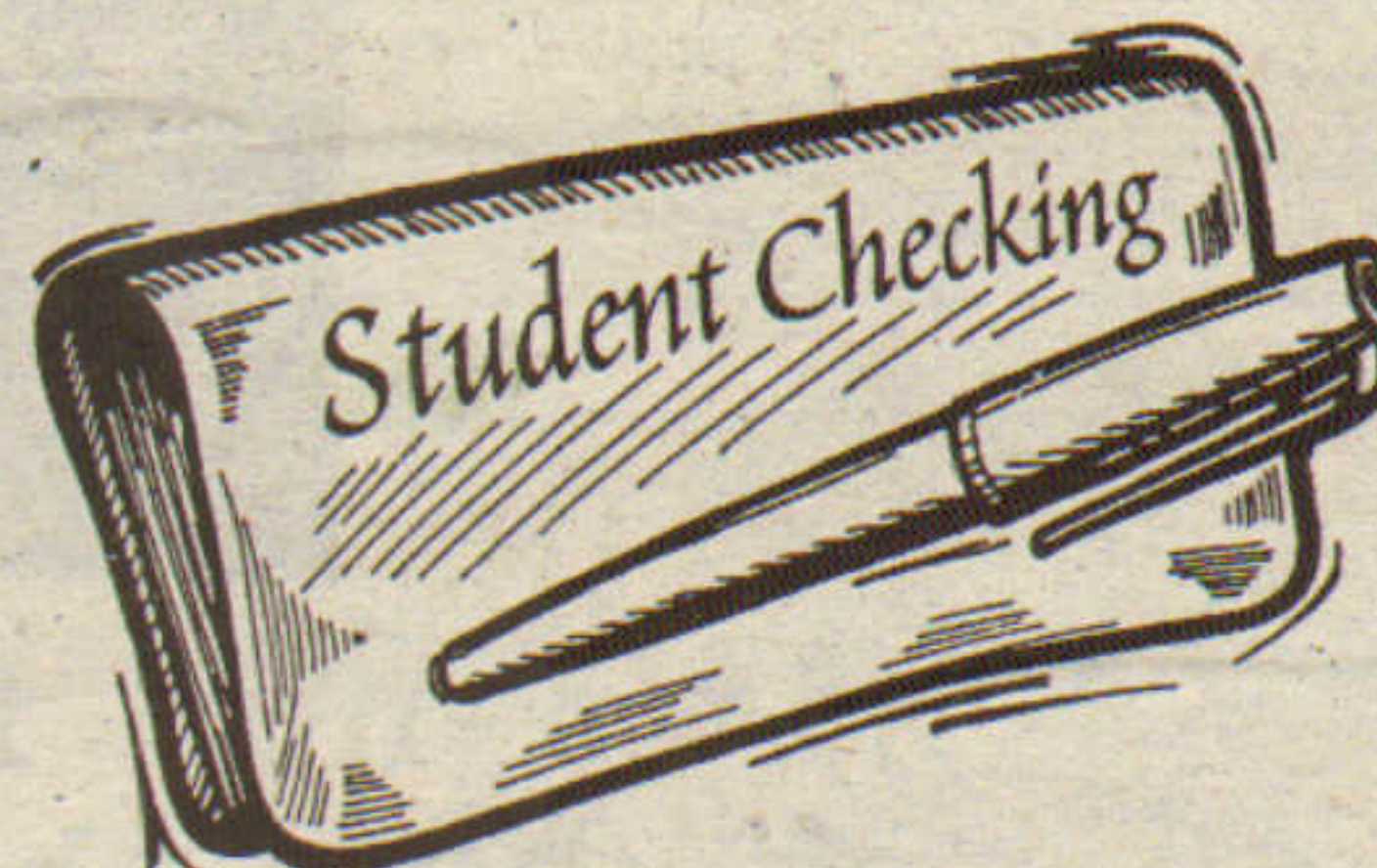
Eric Hutcheson of Cahaba Outdoors comments, "It is not necessarily fulfilling one's bag limit that keeps the hunter coming back, but the camaraderie and memories that are shared on opening day."

Places to go: John Trout, Cullman, Sept. 16, reservations are limited, 1-205-841-3160; Fayette Co., Sept. 16, freshly cut corn field, 1-205-373-3476; Cullman, Sept. 16, 1-205-841-3160; Talladega Co., Sept. 16, 1-205-763-7363, 1-205-763-7159.

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Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of the meeting rooms in the food court area.

Club News



Circle K was founded in 1940. There are more than 500 clubs and at least 15,000 meetings held annually.

Their three main concerns are community service, leadership, and also fellowship.

One weekend out of each month Circle K takes trips to other schools to meet with other clubs and officers.

Circle K is a extremely busy club. Members in the past helped with Miracle Riders, a therapeutic program to help handicapped or mentally challenged people.

PTK

Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

Each semester a list is printed to inform new students that they are now qualified for PTK.

The topic of the year is water. On Sunday September 17, they will hand out water at a marathon.

The sponsor of PTK is Tracey Branch.

Ambassadors

An ambassador at Shelton is really a spokesperson for the school. They host most large functions held at the school.

They are required to have a 2.5 GPA. There are interviews each semester. This scholarship is \$250 towards books.

An ambassadors are required to work 50 hours a semester.

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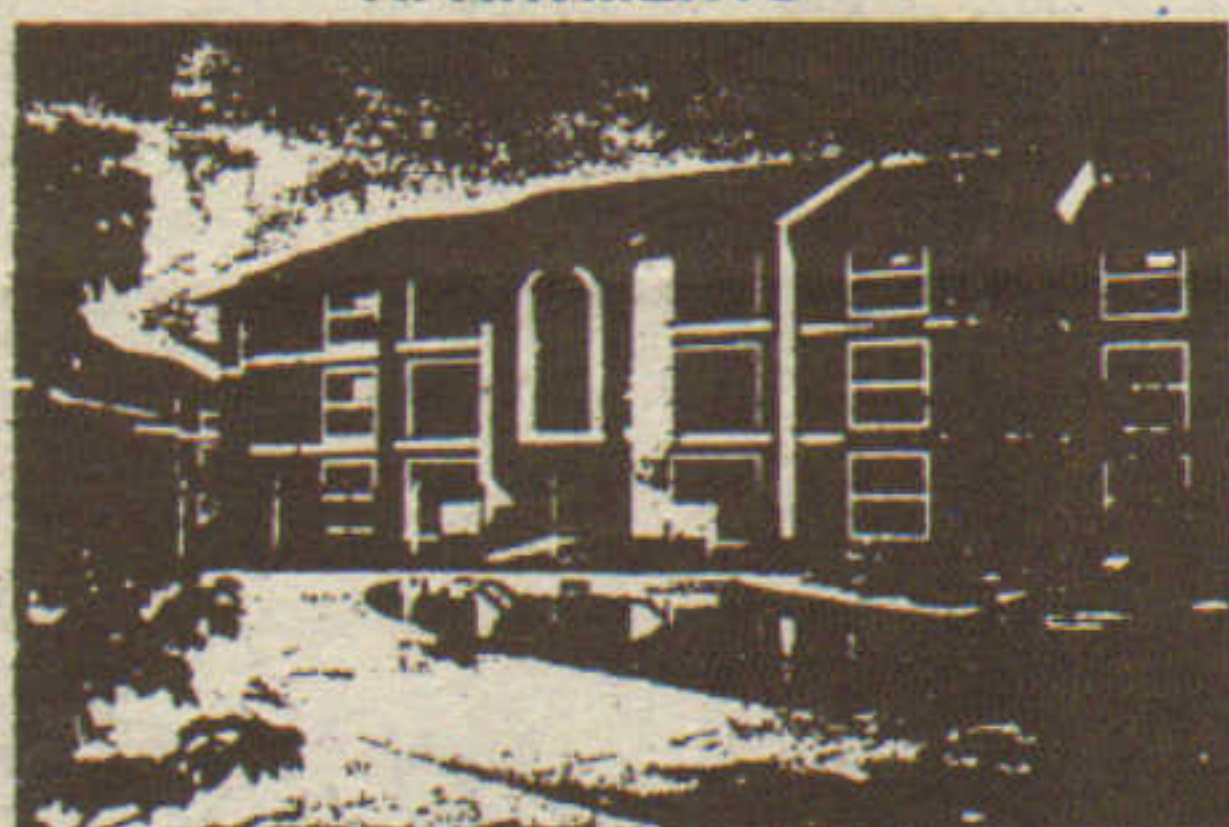
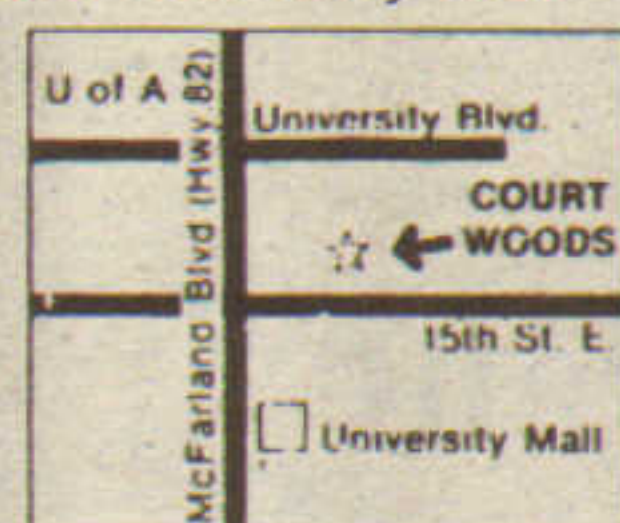
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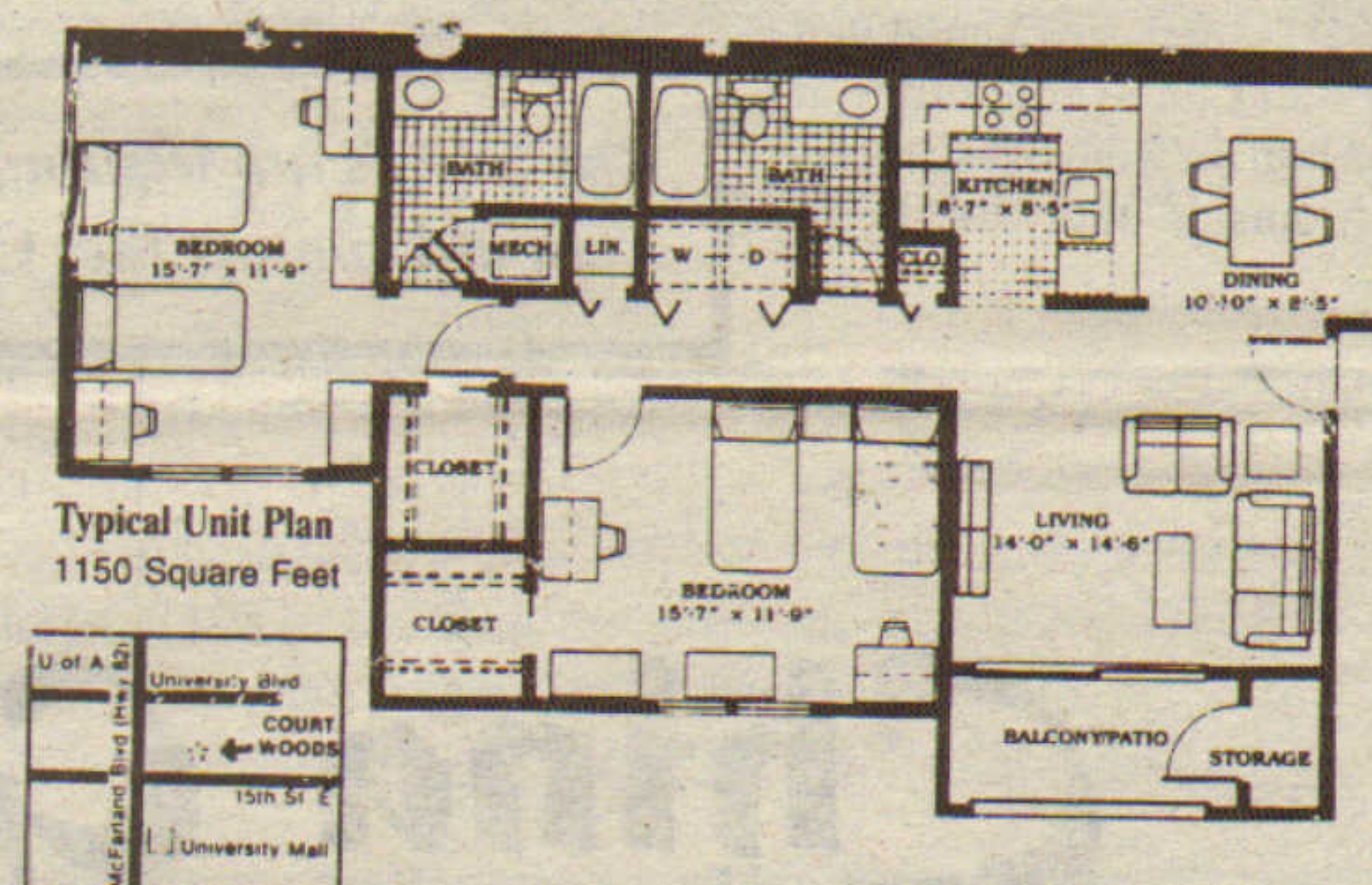
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